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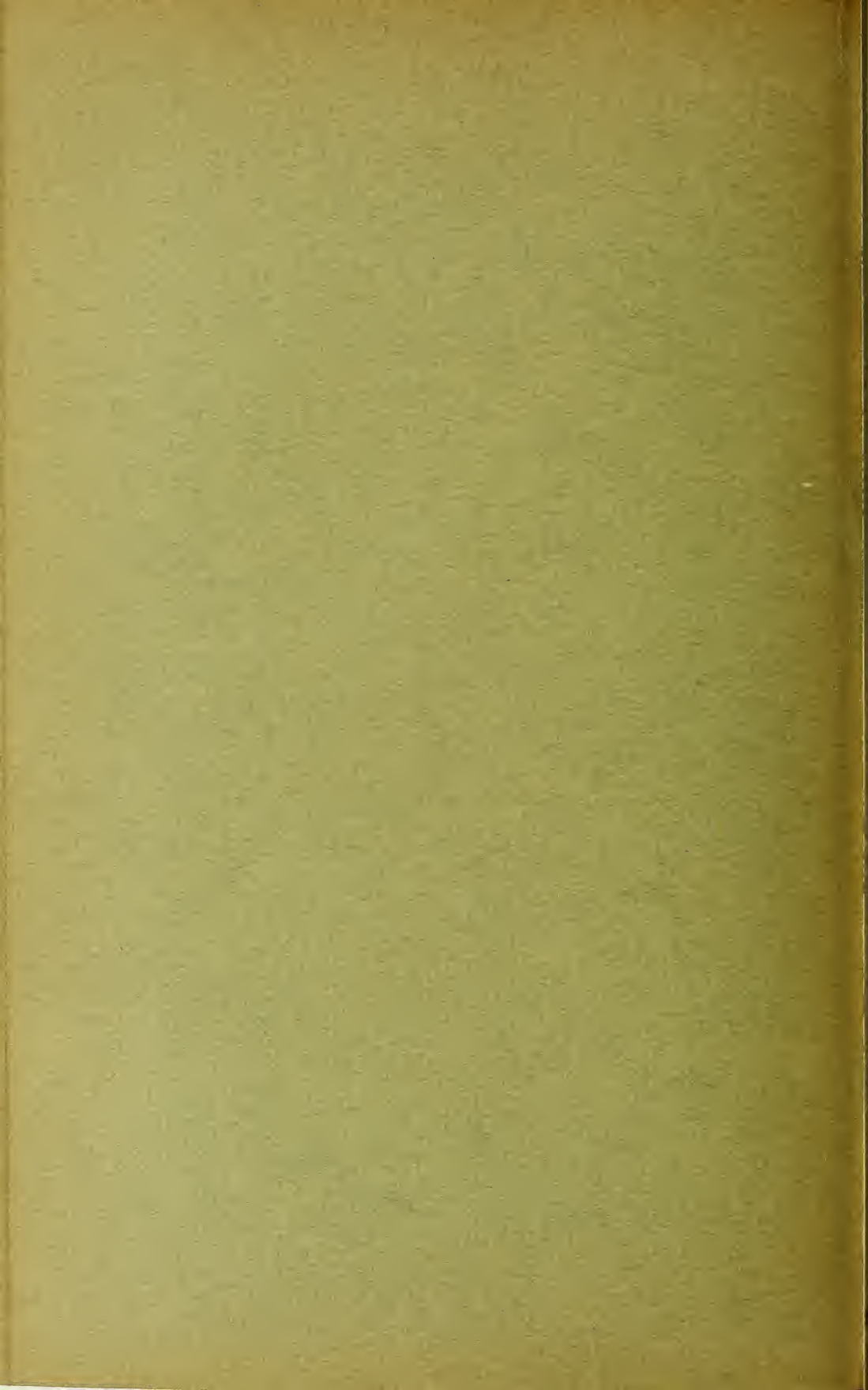
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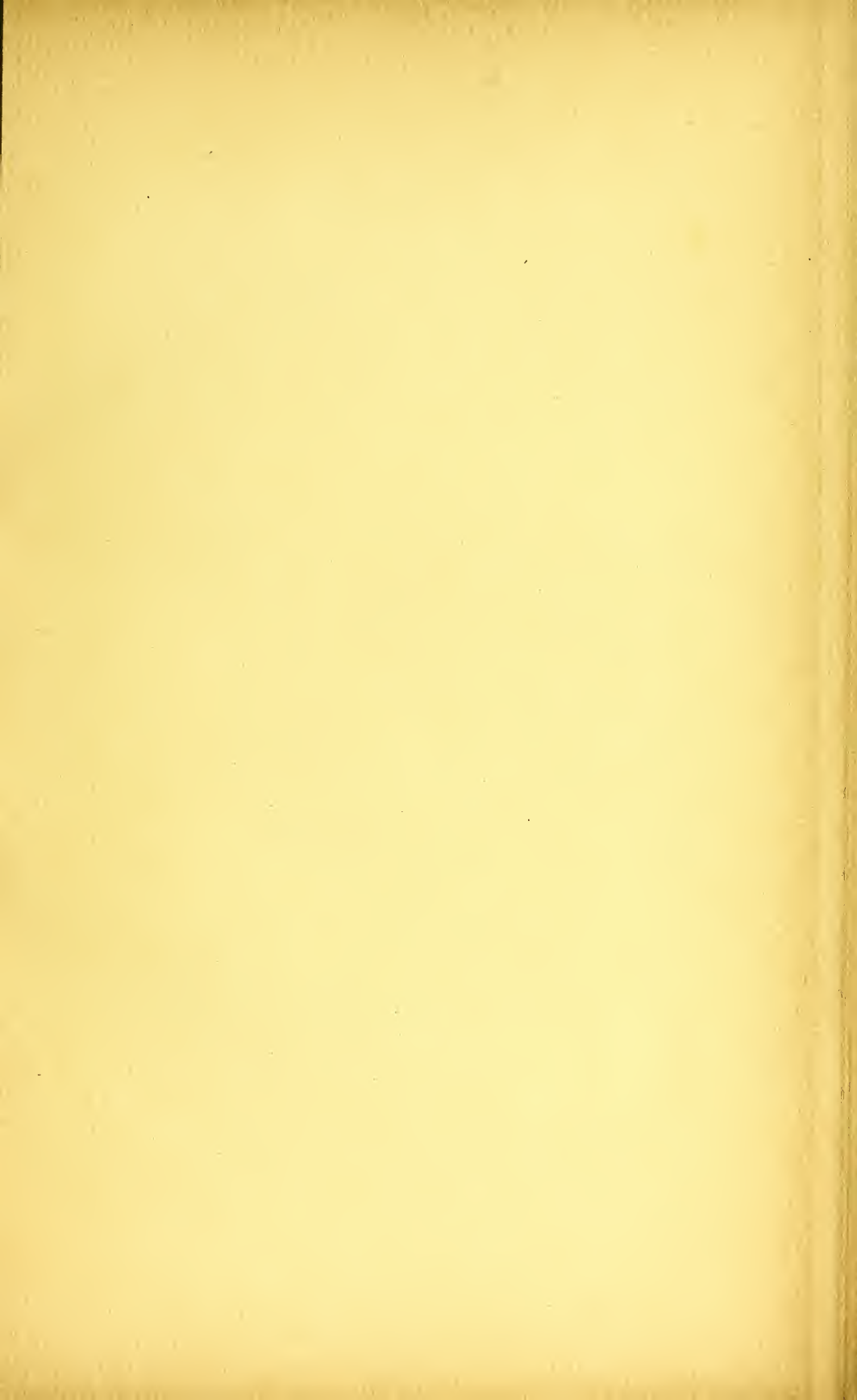
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GENTLEMEN,

I beg to lay before you my application for the Post of Conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

In support of my Candidature I venture to submit the following statement:—

My chief qualifications are those of one who, trained for the practice of Medicine and Surgery, has devoted almost 20 years to special study of the structure of Man, and of all such allied subjects as seemed most likely to assist in elucidating the structure and action of the Human body in health and disease. My investigations, as may be seen from the appended list of published papers, relate to Human and Comparative Anatomy, Embryology, Teratology and Anthropology. In this way I have acquired a first-hand knowledge of subjects which are extensively represented by the valuable collections in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.

From my papers published in more recent years, it will be seen that I have become more and more convinced that structure and function should not be studied separately, and that to ensure real progress in the fundamental subjects of Medicine and Surgery it is necessary to return to the aims and methods of Hunter, and to use the one to assist in explaining the other.

As Curator of the Museum of the London Hospital Medical College during the last 11 years, I have become familiar with Museum methods. During that period there have been many reforms in the processes of

preserving and mounting of Pathological and Anatomical specimens, thus rendering it necessary to revise and largely renew many sections of the Museum. In that work I have taken an active part, and have thus acquired a practical knowledge of Pathological as well as of Normal Anatomy.

My training has been the following :—After graduating in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Aberdeen in the Spring of 1888, I conducted the class of Practical Physiology for a session in the absence of Professor MacWilliam. I then accepted, on the recommendation of Sir Joseph Hooker, the post of Medical Officer and Naturalist to a Company prospecting in Siam. After spending three years and a half in the East, I returned and employed the three following years in study and research at University College, London; the University of Leipzig; the Museum and Library of the Royal College of Surgeons, and the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. During that period I qualified as a Member and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and took the degree of M.D. at the University of Aberdeen by research. In 1895 I was appointed Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy at the London Hospital Medical College, the post of Curator to the Museum being added in 1896, and that of Lecturer in Anatomy in 1899. In 1901 I was co-opted as a member of the College Board. I have taken an active part in the Proceedings of the Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, of the Zoological Society of London (having been a member of the Publication and Prosectorial Committees), and of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.

From the terms of the advertisement, I assume that the Council does not wish Candidates to present testimonials as to their qualifications for the post of Conservator. Were such testimony required, however, I

feel sure that the College Board and the Museum Committee of the London Hospital would give an opinion of my work there. In addition, I have reason to believe that the leading members of the Scientific Societies I have mentioned above would, if asked, give an opinion as to the value of my contributions to Anatomy and allied subjects. In particular, I would refer you to those gentlemen who have permitted me to include their names in the adjoining *List of References*.

In conclusion, I wish to assure you that, if I am honoured by receiving this appointment, I will use every endeavour "to discharge the office with diligence, care and fidelity."

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

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